

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Haw Ridge Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Enterprise Church in Coffee County,
Alabama, October 17th and 18th 1900.

OFFICERS:

Rev. P. L. MOSELEY Moderator.
G. M. HEATH Clerk and Treasurer

*The next session will be held with
Mt. Liberty church, Dale county Alabama
on Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1901.*

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ARTICLES OF FAITH:

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and that these three are one.
- 2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3 We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
- 4 We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5 We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.
- 6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 7 We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- 8 We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
- 9 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.
- 10 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.
- 11 We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
- 12 We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except one who has been regularly called and ordained to the work by the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

MINUTES.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Haw Ridge Baptist Association convened with Enterprise Church in Coffee County, Alabama, Oct. 17th, 1900.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro S O Y Ray.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Bro P L Moseley.

Rev P L Moseley was elected Temporary Moderator, and G M Heath was elected Temporary Clerk.

The letters from the different churches being collected, the Moderator appointed Brethren W W Faulkner and J F Register to read said letters. Delegates enrolled as follows:

Enterprise—Rev P L Moseley, I H McLane, L Godwin, Dr Andrews, Rev J M Talley, J R Goodin, E E Byrd, A D Sawyer and G M Heath.

Rockey Head—J R Godwin, S J Stricklin, J L Lester, C E Bell and J W Sauls.

Mt Liberty—J C Archer, Henry Hudson, James Caroway, Daniel Martin, Robert Archer and Wm Hudson.

Ebenezer—W J Snellgrove, Wm Cotter, W C Jones, B G Byrd, S C Byrd, J C Head and W H Johnson.

Salem—J W Phillips.

Pleasant Grove—J B Byrd, Jr., E M Mathews, M F Langford, L C Cassady, J H Howell, A C Byrd, N M Godwin and G B Langford.

Haw Ridge—J D Heath and Willie Sylevent.

Antioch—A Pellum, G H Kenedy and J A Anderson.

Cool Springs—B N Gilmore and P M Dowling.

Christian Home—Not represented.

Tennille—J W Wilson and Ceaph Faulk.

Euon—J B Dunnivant and J C Curenton.

Lime Creek—T J Spigner.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society, read by Rev S O Y Ray.

On motion by Bro A Pellum, the rules were suspended, and Rev P L Moseley was elected Moderator and G M Heath, Clerk and Treasurer.

Called for correspondents from Sister Associations.

Rev B T Jones and W W Faulkner were present from Newton Association.

From Pea River—Rev S O Y Ray, H R Snellgrove and E G Brunson.

From Geneva—Rev J F Register.

Rev S O Y Ray was here as representative of State Board of Missions and Alabama Baptist.

W W Faulkner, representative of Nineteenth Century Movement.

Appointed a Committee on Divine Service.

Daniel Martin, W J Snellgrove, with the delegates from this church.

Bro W W Faulkner made a talk on the Nineteenth Century Movement. The Subject of Missions, the growth of Missions, the present Century, and the manner of giving for Missions were discussed by Brethren B T Jones, S O Y Ray and others. All of which were interesting.

Called for report of Committee on Divine Service.

To preach tonight at 7 o'clock, Rev B T Jones.

On motion it was agreed to appoint a Committee to apportion the amount asked for By State Board of Missions among the different churches of this Association,

Committee, J B Byrd, Jr., E E Byrd and J R Godwin.

Called for report on Orphans' Home. Read and adopted.

Our Orphans' Home is located at Evergreen, with Rev John W Stewart as Financial Secretary. Brother Stewart has shown his love for his adopted family by his untiring energy and self sacrifice in behalf of these unfortunate children, who are thrown upon the mercies of the world, and who are deprived of the training of a father and mother, by becoming to them a friend and benefactor. Now Brethren, Bro Stewart needs help in a material way. Love and sympathy is very good in their place, but they will not feed and clothe the Orphans. Your committee recommend that each member of the churches composing this Association contribute at least five cents per capita, which in the aggregate would make a handsome sum for this noble purpose. We do not mean this as an assessment, but simply a free will offering. Cold weather will be on hand before long, and these children will need warm clothing to

protect them from the cold. Brothers and Sisters of the Haw Ridge Association: Let us help them, for the time may come when our own will be orphans, and thrown upon the charities of the world, whether they do or do not, we should not withhold that which already belongs to God.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. DOWLING, Chairman.

A collection for Orphans' Home was taken amounting to \$7 86.
On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Met at 8:30 o'clock. After prayer by Bro P M Dowling, recognized Bro Jasper Curenton as delegate from Enon church, from Cool Spring, Bro P M Dowling, from Haw Ridge, Bro W E Heath.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools. Report read, adopted.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following as our report. We find that there are a few churches in this Association that have not had a Sunday School this year. We hope that this may not be the case any more. Now Brethren, we Baptists believe in Sunday Schools. Let us all go to work and show our faith by our work. We are commanded in God's word to train up the child in the way it should go and when it gets old it will not depart therefrom, and we believe there is no better place than in the Sabbath School, and we are taught also to assemble ourselves together every Sabbath in some way of worship. Brethren and Sisters, we will all be held responsible for the way we train our children. We beseech you all to go to Sunday School and take your children with you. May the Lord help us all to do our duty

R. G. BYRD,
T. M. MARTIN,
Committee.

Called for report on Temperance. Report read and discussed at some length. A resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that this Association put itself on record as opposed to the sale of whiskey in the saloon, the dispensary, and in any other way known among us.

2. We recommend that our churches be urged to exclude from their fellowship those who engage in selling it in saloon or dispensary. After which the report was adopted.

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: We feel that this is a very important subject, and should command the effort of every man, woman and child to advocate its interest, whether they be followers of Christ or followers of Satan. We do not deem it necessary to tell of the ruin and destruction caused by this ferocious monster, for we feel that the time is past when the people shall fail to discern by observation this work. We would recommend that Pastors present the subject from the pulpit, that Deacons and Laymen quit drinking or selling it, and that they quit visiting barrooms, and use their best effort to suppress this evil, that the ladies, young and old lend a helping hand to drive this monster from our land, that prayer specially be offered for its removal and all our efforts be used to crush it. We trust that the time is not far distant when we shall no longer be torn entangled with this destructive evil, then we feel that our churches will be built

up, Missions increased, the Bible be distributed through the land and facilities for education be improved. God speed the day.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. MATHEWS,
G. B. LANGFORD.

Appointed a Committee on Finance.

J M Talley, J C Archer and G B Langford.

Appointed a Committee on Documents.

J R Godwin, J R Goodin and W C Jones.

Adjourned for preaching.

Rev W W Faulkner preached a very interesting Sermon from Philippians, 3:13, after which a collection was taken for the widow of Old Bro Bullard, amounting to \$13.01. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by Bro J B Byrd, called to order by Moderator.

Called for report on deceased Ministers and Deacons. Report read and adopted.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, submit the following as our report. We learn that God has been merciful unto us in that of sparing our lives another year for which we should all feel thankful.

DANIEL MARTIN,
W J SNELLGROVE,
Committee.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Report read and adopted.

We, the Executive Committee report as follows: Having found no work tangible, we have done it very faithfully. We ask the Association to consider Brother J F Registers extra work in our bounds.

J H MCCLANE,
H HUDSON,
Committee.

Called for report on Missions. Report read, and after being ably discussed, was adopted.

We, your Committee on Missions submit the following as our report: God so loved the world that He gave His Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. He sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature and he that believeth shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned. Ye, are the light of the world; let your light shine. How are we to shine to all the world? We cannot be there in person. We must have a representative. The Holy Ghost said separate Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. The church at Antioch was to send them. We have men that God has called and qualified who are ready to go. Who goeth a warfare at any time on his own charge? We are to send them.

J W PHILLIPS,
HENRY HUDSON.

Called for report on Education. After being read and discussed by J B Byrd, C W Simmons and others, was adopted.

We, your Committee on Education make the following as our report: There has been much said on this subject and a great deal done, but we believe that too much cannot be said and done for the purpose of destroying the evil of ignorance. Why should children be educated? Here are a few reasons: It fits and prepares them to be better children, and more useful men and women in life. They can choose for themselves the best vocations in life. It prepares them for better citizenship, and they are fitted to render better service to God. Then again we find that an education is needed in every vocation in life, from the Peasant to the President, King or Queen. Brethren, we urge that you secure the very best Christian teachers in your township schools, and we recommend to you, Howard College at East Lake, Alabama, the Judson at Marion, Alabama and the Southeast Alabama Collegiate Institute at Newton, Alabama. We trust Brethren, that you will give these Institutes, your sons and daughters to be educated. None can tell the yield of grain before it is planted, so no one can tell the fruits of educated boys and girls. Education is a treasure no one can give, and it is one no one can take away; then money invested in it is safe.

Respectfully submitted,

J B BYRD, JR.

Committee on Finance made their report, which was read and adopted:

Financial Report.—No. 8.

CHURCHES.	Dr. Harris									
	Minutes.	C	State Missions.	V	Foreign Missions.	V	Home Missions.	V	Orphans—Home.	V
Pleasant Grove..	3 50	5 25	3 20		2 00	7 50				
Antioch	2 15									
Salem.....	1 75									
Haw Ridge.....	1 00	50								
Mt. Liberty.....	4 40	2 15	2 60							
Enterprise.....	3 00									
Eaton.....	1 55									
Ebenezer.....	4 00	2 00	5 00	4 00		3 00				
Rockey Head.....	2 00									
Cool Springs	1 00									
Tennille.....	75									
Lime Creek.....	1 00		2 55							
Collected at Assoc'n	3 66									
Total.....	8 40	21 85	9 41	29 51	14 00	7 50	7 00	15 50	12 91	10 50
										49 00
										5 25

Collected at Association for Sister Bullard, \$3 51.

Received from Ladies' Aid Society of Enterprise Church for Missions, 5 00.

G. W. LANGFORD,

J. C. ARCHER,

J. M. TALLEY,

{ Committee.

Called for report on Documents. Report read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Documents report that we find request from Enon and Mt. Liberty Churches for the next session of this body, and we recommend that the Association convene with Mt. Liberty church; we also recommend to meet Wednesday and Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1901.

J. R. GODWIN,
W. C. JONES,
J. R. GOODIN, } Committee.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved 1st. That whereas the Newton, Pea River and Geneva Associations are able to supply the needs of this territory, and

2nd. Whereas the Haw Ridge Association has no territory from which to draw strength to further their usefulness, and

3rd. Whereas, we could more effectually serve the purpose of our Lord in making the above named Associations stronger and more effective.

Therefore, be it resolved 1st. That we do now dissolve this body subject to the endorsement or approval of the churches.

2nd. That the churches take final action on the matter, and report same to the next meeting of this body.

The Committee to apportion the amount asked for by State Board of Missions offered their report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on apportionment make the following as our report. We suggest that we raise for Missions apportioned as follows:

Antioch.....	\$10 00
Christian Home.....	10 00
Cool Springs.....	10 00
Ebenezer.....	35 00
Enon.....	10 00
Enterprise.....	50 00
Haw Ridge.....	10 00
Lime Creek.....	10 00
Mt Liberty.....	15 00
Pleasant Grove.....	50 00
Rockey Head.....	20 00
Salem.....	1 00
Total.....	\$240 00

J. R. GODWIN,
J. B. BYRD, Jr.,
E. E. BYRD, } Committee.

Called for report on Nominations. Read and adopted:

We, your Committee on nominations offer the following as our report:
Missions.— Lewis Moseley, A. Pellum and Daniel Martin.
Education.— J. B. Byrd, Jr., and H. Hudson.

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Sunday School.—B G Byrd, W E Hayes and G M Heath.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—W J Snellgrove, W C Jones and
James Hudson.

Orphans' Home.—P M Dowling and A Pellum.

Executive Committee.—Phillip King, I H McLane and J C Archer.

Delegates to State Convention.—Rev P L Moseley and I H McLane.

Delegates to Southern Convention.—J B Byrd, Jr., Phillip King and
Rev P L Moseley.

To preach the Introductory Sermon.—P L Moseley.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. C. BYRD,
Wm. E. HEATH,
T. J. SPIGNER.

On motion, agreed that Associational funds in hands of Treasurer be paid to Bro J. F. Register for mission work done in bounds of this association.

On motion agreed, to have articles of Faith printed in minutes.

On motion agreed, to pay the clerk ten dollars for his service.

The balance \$11.85 to be paid for printing minutes.

Resolution of thanks read and adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this Association are tendered to the church and community for their hospitality during our stay among them.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Liberty Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1901.

Rev. P. L. MOSLEY, Moderator,

G. M. HEATH, Clerk.

The Twelfth Annual Session of Hawridge Baptist Association was harmonious and pleasant, and we trust that much good may come of it in the future. We hope that the members of the different churches will read all the resolutions and reports and act accordingly. The report apportioning a certain amount to each church is only suggestive, but we hope the churches will go to work at once to raise the amount by inaugurating some systematic plan of giving, whereby each member will be requested to give a small amount—monthly or quarterly. By so doing the amount can be easily raised.

Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	W L Hatcher.	Hatcher.	W L Hatcher.	Post Office.	Value and Other Property.	Church and Other Property.	No Baptised from S. S..	Time of Meeting.	Erasure.	Total Membership.	Dead.	Excluded.	Dis'd by letter.	Rec'd by letter.	Restoration.	Baptist.
Cool Springs...	N. J. Peters...	Geneva...			10	3	8	3	1	78	1	1st	4	250						
Christi'n Home	W W Faulkner	Ozark...			W O Hayes...	Haw Ridge...	1	2	1	157	3rd									
Ebenezer.....	J W Reynolds	Baltic...			J B Dunnavant	Adair...	3	4	1	89	2nd									
En n....	P L Moseley	Enterprise...			G M Heath	Enterprise...	31	26	7	184	1,3d									
Haw Ridge...	J F Register	Geneva...			Wm E Heath	Haw Ridge...		2	3	49	1st									
Lime Creek...	J M. Talley	Enterprise...			E B Speigner	Hatcher...		5	2	29	2nd									
Mt Liberty....	J F Register	Geneva...			J H Hudson	Klegg...		5	1	133	1st									
Peasant Grove	W W Faulkner	Ozark...			G B Langford	Echo s...	19	1	3	18	8	2								
Rockey Head...	W W Faulkner	Ozark...			M B Lavender	Rockey Head...	8	1	5	14	5	216	2nd							
Salem...	J W Phillips	Clio...			T A Foreman	Skipperville...		4	2	130	1st	2								
Antioch...	J A Phillips	Elamville...			E K Sm th.	Clio...		2	4	127	4th									
Tennile.....	C L Mathews	Ozark...			John Carter	Tennile...			4	111	1st	1								
										20	1st									
Total.....					9C	6	56	68	12	81523	7									

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—P L Moseley, Enterprise, Coffee County, Ala.; J W Phillips, Cho, Barbour County, Ala.; P M Dowling, Bellwood, Geneva County, Ala.; J M Valley, Enterprise, Coffee County, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

MISSIONS:

Lewis Moseley, A. Pellum and Daniel Martin.

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EDUCATION:

J. B. Byrd Jr. and H. Hudson.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

B. G. Byrd, W. E. Hayes and G. M. Heath.

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DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS:

W. J. Snellgrove, W. C. Jones and James Hudson.

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ORPHAN'S HOME:

P. M. Dowling and A. Pellum

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Philip King, I. H. McLane and J. C. Archer.

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DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION:

Rev. P. L. Moseley and I. H. McLane.

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DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

J. B. Byrd Jr., Philip King and Rev. P. L. Moseley.

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TO PREACH THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON:

Rev. P. L. Moseley.